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SUBJ: VISIT OF ARAB PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

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1. FIVE-MAN ARAB PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION LED BY AHMET KHADOUR OF EGYPT AND INCLUDING SYRIAN AND LIBYAN REPRESENTATIVES MADE 4-DAY VISIT TO CAR JAN. 17-21.

2. DELEGATION PROGRAM INCLUDED AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT BOKASSA AND OFFICIAL DINNER HOSTED BY FONMIN POTOLOT. IN DINNER TOAST LATTER REITERATED IN GENERAL TERMS CAR'S SUPPORT FOR ARABS' POSITION, I.E., ISRAELI EVACUATION OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, BUT DID NOT MENTION CAR'S BREAK WITH ISRAEL OR OTHERWISE CRITICIZE ISRAELIES. KHADOUR RESPONDED IN STANDARD TERMS OF THANKS FOR CAR SUPPORT OF ARAB CAUSE AND ARABS' SUPPORT FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LISM. HE INDICATED OIL EMBARGO WAS DIRECTED AT ISRAEL'S FRIENDS AND NOT MEMBERS OF OAU AND THAT OPEC MINISTERS WERE PRESENTLY MEETING IN GENEVA TO DECIDE ON CONCESSIONS FOR OAU MEMBERS.

3. DELEGATION ALSO HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTER OF PLAN AND INTER-NATIONAL COOPERATION, DURING WHICH GOCAR PRESUMABLY MADE PITCH FOR ARAB ECONOMIC AID. IN AIRPORT INTERVIEW ON DEPARTURE, KHADOUR WAS ASKED ABOUT THIS AND GAVE NON-COMMITTAL ANSWER.

4. COMMENT: VISIT WAS GIVEN FAIRLY STANDARD GOCAR RECEPTION AND LOKAL MEDIA COVERAGE. GOCAR DID NOT USE OCCASION TO FLAUNT ITS BREAK WITH ISRAEL AND REITERATED ITS PAST STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT FOR ARABS IN MODERATE TERMS.

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